

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 18-CR-20489

Plaintiff,
v.

Thomas L. Ludington
United States District Judge

JAMES D. PIERON, JR.,

Patricia T. Morris
United States Magistrate Judge

Defendant.

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GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR JURY QUESTIONNAIRE

Defendant James D. Pieron, Jr., has filed a motion for a “supplemental” jury questionnaire. (R. 21: Defendant’s Motion to Submit Supplemental Juror Questionnaire, 86-91). The government’s opposes that motion.

Brief

James D. Pieron, Jr., has asked the court to submit a “supplemental” jury questionnaire to the jury. (R. 21: Defendant’s Motion to Submit Supplemental Juror Questionnaire, 86-91). However, there is no need in this case to expend the considerable effort and resources inevitably required to prepare a jury questionnaire, distribute the questionnaire to jurors, collect the questionnaire from jurors, process the questionnaires, and redistribute the completed questionnaire to the court and all counsel.

This case has not generated pretrial publicity, much less the type of publicity that warrants the use of a jury questionnaire. In addition, using a juror questionnaire creates a risk that an inappropriate disclosure of sensitive personal information may occur. Finally, the need to correlate the information contained in juror questionnaires with the individuals questioned during *voir dire* gives rise to delay rather than expedition in the jury selection process.

For all of these reasons, James Pieron, Jr.'s motion for use of a jury questionnaire should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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